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**Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio - CLUES**  
**PRESS RELEASE: CLUES Welcomes Two New Board Members**

**For Immediate Release:**

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**Thursday, March 5, 2009** – Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio - CLUES is pleased to announce the election of two new members to its Board of Directors: **Father Kevin McDonough**, pastor of the Church of St. Peter Claver in St. Paul, and **Mr. Alejandro Suarez**, Foreign Legal Consultant for Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

Father Kevin McDonough is a long time supporter and key volunteer of CLUES. As a member of the CLUES Capital Campaign Committee, he helped to raise funds in support of the St. Paul headquarters facilities. Father Kevin McDonough has been the pastor of the Church of St. Peter Claver in St. Paul since 1990. Father McDonough also serves as Chaplain for the Spanish-speaking community at Comunidad del Sagrado Corazon in Minneapolis. He served the archdiocese as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia representing the Archbishop in various capacities and acted as the chief operating officer for the Archdiocese from 1991-2008. Following ordination, he served as associate pastor at St. Richard in Richfield and Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Paul. He was rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary from 1987-1990 and Chancellor and Episcopal Vicar for the archdiocese from 1987-1991. Father McDonough received his licentiate and doctorate in Canon Law in 1986-1987 from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Mr. Alejandro Suarez joined Fredrikson & Byron's International Group in 2006. He holds legal degrees from both Mexico and the United States and also has received legal education in the United Kingdom. Mr. Suarez's experience includes the structuring of mergers, acquisitions, and private equity transactions involving different jurisdictions. He also represents foreign companies and individuals from diverse nationalities and industries that conduct business in Mexico and Latin America. Mr. Suarez advises investors entering into real estate business ventures in Mexico and Latin America. He also advises investors incorporating in Latin American countries, as well as foreign companies entering into the U.S. market. Mr. Suarez's practice has been featured in a variety of Twin Cities newspapers and legal periodicals, and he is currently Co-Chair of the 2008-2009 Mexico Committee of the American Bar Association. Prior to joining Fredrikson & Byron, Alejandro was a partner at a business law firm in Mexico and practiced law for international law firms there, most recently at Baker & McKenzie. Additionally, Mr. Suarez was named as one of the "25 on the Rise" by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2008.

Jesse Bethke Gomez, President of CLUES, stated, "On behalf of Patrick Kelly, Board Chair, our Board of Directors, paid and volunteer staff, funders, friends, and as importantly, the community served by CLUES, we are grateful and honored that Father Kevin McDonough and Alejandro Suarez join the Board of Directors of CLUES. They both bring tremendous skills and great care for community, and we look forward to their stewardship of the CLUES mission."

Father McDonough and Alejandro Suarez join the following members of CLUES Board of Directors: Sandra Balaguera, Dr. "Rusty" Barceló, Carmen Coballes-Vega, Michael Rodríguez Goodson, John Herron, Patrick Kelly, Rafael Marquez, Diego Osuna, Tony Rodríguez, Luz Maria Serrano and Dave Spalding.

CLUES is in its 28th year of service to the community. CLUES provides a family centric coordinated care model of linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services including: Mental Health Services, Chemical Health Services, Family Services, Aging Well Services, Family Centric Community Health Promotion Services, and Economic Advancement Services in employment, education, and financial literacy.

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